AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT

Please substitute the following paragraph(s) for the abstract now appearing in the currently filed specification:

A server (1) analyzes analyses the request information transmitted from a client (11) by means of a request analyzer (4) 4 and selects the necessary image data from multiple viewpoint image data (2) to be output it to an image generator (3). The , where image data for the requested viewpoint is generated by interpolation and to be output to an image synthesizer (5), in which . In the image synthesizer (5), a plurality of images data is are synthesized in a form suitable for encoding. An encoder (6) encodes the image data at a suitable bit rate and transfers it to a network (7). The client (11) receives the encoded image data, decodes the data through a decoder (12) and outputs the decoded image data to an image processor (13), where it the image data is converted into an appropriate form in conformity with a stereoscopic display format and is-displayed on a display unit (14). The client (11) also-includes an input unit (16) for changing for change of the viewpoint, and transmits the request information of viewpoint alternation to the network (7) by means of a request output unit (15). Thus this system enables observation of a stereoscopic image viewed from an arbitrary viewpoint even with a mobile terminal or the like.